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INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, AF  
SUBJ: EMERGING GOP VIEW OF NEW SITUATION IN  
AFGHANISTAN, SOVIET ROLE

REFS: ISLAMABAD 6191, MOSCOW 9119, KABUL 5540

1. GOP FONSEC SHAHI TOLD ME AUGUST 2 THAT GOP STILL

HAS NO QTE HARD EVIDENCE UNQTE ON ORIGINS OF RECENT  
AFGHAN COUP, INCLUDING SOVIET ROLE. HOWEVER, GOP  
HAS QTE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE UNQTE INDICATING THAT  
SOVS HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE AND THAT COUP QTE HAS THEIR  
BLESSING. UNQTE AS POINTS OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE  
FONSEC CITED REPORT THAT SOV AMB IN KABUL HAD CANCELLED  
PLANNED LEAVE SHORTLY PRIOR TO COUP; MOSCOW'S QUICK  
RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME; UBIQUITOUSNESS OF SOV  
ADVISERS AMONG AFGHAN MILITARY; AND INDICATIONS  
THAT NUMBER OF THE KEY AFGHAN OFFICERS INVOLVED WERE  
SOV-TRAINED.

2. IN RESPONSE MY SPECIFIC QUERY, FONSEC MADE CAREFUL  
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DISTINCTION BETWEEN PROBABLE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE BY

SOVS AND ANY ACTUAL SOV INVOLVEMENT. ALTHOUGH THEY PROBABLY KNEW ABOUT COUP, THEY HAD NOT NECESSARILY INSTIGATED IT, BUT HE WAS NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO GO SO FAR AS TO RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF INSTIGATION.

3. ASKED ABOUT PAK VIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION, FONSEC SAID DAUD SEEMS TO HAVE SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS. DISAPPOINTMENT MAY SET IN, IN TIME, AMONG INTELLECTUALS. WHATEVER DAUD'S CURRENT INTENTIONS MAY BE, HE MIGHT COME TO FEEL IT NECESSARY TO DIVERT DOMESTIC OPINION BY STIRRING UP PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE. THIS WAS CINTINGENCY WHICH PAKS HAD TO KEEP IN MIND. MEANWHILE, FONSEC STATED, GOP POLICY WAS TO STAY COOL AND TO AVOID ANY PRETEXT WHICH NEW AFGHAN GOVT COULD USE TO STIR UP TROUBLE WITH PAKISTAN.

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